

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4249

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, CGEN, UR, US, KS

SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF KOREAN AIRLINES PILOT AND  
NAVIGATOR

REF: LENINGRAD 1310

1. FOR THE RECORD, TRANSFER OF KAL PILOT AND NAVIGATOR WAS UNDERTAKEN AT DIPLOMATIC AGENCY OFFICES BETWEEN 12:50 AND 1:05 AM LOCAL APRIL 29. IN SHORT TRANSFER CEREMONY, CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN LENINGRAD, MIKHAIL YEFIMOV TRANSFERRED KAL CREW TO ME. ALSO PRESENT ON SOVIET SIDE WERE VADIM PETROVICH ZHUKOV, DEPUTY MANAGER LENINGRAD ADMINISTRATION OF AEROFLOT, ANOTHER AIRPORT OFFICIAL AND LENINGRAD AIRPORT CHIEF OF BORDER GUARDS WHO DECLINED TO GIVE NAME. ACCOMPANYING ME WAS DPO RUECKERT.

2. THERE WAS NO AKT OR OTHER FORMAL INSTRUMENT OF TRANSFER. YEFIMOV SIMPLY MADE SHORT STATEMENT TRANSFERRING CREW TO MY CUSTODY "FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT TODAY TO AREA OUTSIDE THE SOVIET UNION WHICH THE US SIDE SHALL CHOSE," HE ASKED WHETHER KOREANS HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR REMARKS, AND WISHED THEM A SAFE, SPEEDY RETURN TO SEOUL.

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3. WE THEN WORKED OUT MODALITIES WITH AIRPORT OFFICIALS SO THAT KOREANS WOULD BE MET AT 5:30 PM AT AIRPORT (FOR 6:10

DEPARTURE) IN WAY WHICH WOULD MINIMIZE RISK OF CONFRONTATION  
WITH REPORTERS. BUCHANAN

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